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1. OIC PLENARY APPROVED RFE CREDENTIALS BY 42-21 IN MEETING WHICH RECENTLY BROKE UP. FOUR MEMBERS EITHER DID NOT VOTE OR WERE NOT PRESENT. DOUG ROBY BEING GIVEN CREDIT FOR SPIRITED DEFENSE OF RFE WITH ABLE ASSISTS FROM WILLI DAUME AND JAN STAUBO OF NORWAY.
2. TAIWAN ISSUE HEADING FOR "CONFRONTATION" WITH CANADIAN GOVERNMENT ACCORDING DOUG ROBY, IOC U.S. MEMBER, DON MILLER, EXEC. DIRECTOR USOC, AND BOB JONES, CU, WHO SAYS CANADIAN COUNTERPART CONFIRMS. BY VOTE OF 56/0/9, PLENARY SUPPORTED PROPOSITION THAT THOSE MEMBERS OF ROC DELEGATION (TWO ATHLETES, THREE TRAINERS/ COACHES) WHO ENTERED AS U.S. NATIONALS AND HAVE PROPER ACCREDITATION FROM COJO SHALL PARTICIPATE IN OPENING CEREMONY UNDER THEIR OFFICIAL BANNER AND FLAG AND, IF THEY WIN (IN BOATING EVENT), THEIR ANTHEM SHALL BE PLAYED.
3. ACCORDING MILLER, IN ESSENCE IOC EXECUTIVE BOARD REVERSED POSITION THAT ROC MUST ACCEPT COMPROMISE OR BE EXCLUDED AS RESULT STRONG POSITION USOC ABOUT WITHDRAWING FROM GAMES (DURING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MORNING PRIVATE SESSION) IF IOC RULES NOT OBSERVED. HE ADDED THAT

SMIRNOV, SEATED NEXT TO HIM, COMMENTED THAT THIS MOVE NECESSARY FOR GOOD OF OLYMPIC MOVEMENT AND STATED EXPLICITLY THAT HE WAS NOT REPEAT NOT ONE OF THE ABSTENTIONS.

4. NO ONE PREPARED SPECULATE WHAT ACTION, IF ANY, CANADIAN GOVT MIGHT TAKE TO FORESTALL ABOVE SCENARIO. JONES SAYS CANADIAN COUNTERPART SAYS A TEMPORARY VISA WAS ISSUED TO ONE ROC REPRESENTATIVE NOW IN U.S. TO "COME GET LUGGAGE OF THOSE NOT ADMISSIBLE."

5. PHIL KRUMM, PRESIDENT, USOC, SAYS ROC REPS ARE SENDING HIM A LETTER (I GATHER, FROM ANOTHER SOURCE, AT HIS REQUEST) "IMPLOING" USOC NOT TO WITHDRAW TEAM ON THEIR BEHALF AS IT WOULD FURTHER WEAKEN OLYMPIC SPIRIT. HE WILL HAVE PRESS CONFERENCE IF/WHEN HE GETS SUCH LETTER. THIS WILL GIVE U.S. MORE "FLEXIBILITY" ALSO TO BACK OFF HARD LINE BUT MAYBE PLAY UNDER PROTEST.

6. KRUMM ALSO SAYS ROC PREPARED, IF NECESSARY, TO ALLOW ITSELF TO BE "FORCED OUT" (BUT NOT "WITHDRAW") FROM PARTICIPATING IN YACHTING EVENT IF THEY PROVE POINT BY MARCHING (SEE 2 ABOVE) IN OPENING CEREMONY.

7. TOMORROW SHOULD TELL THE TALE.
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